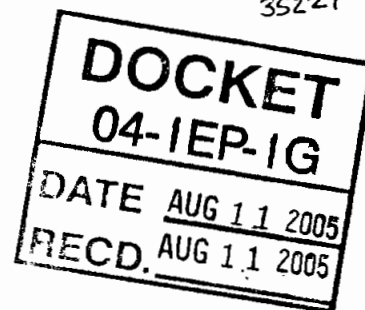


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Dear California Energy Commission,

I'm writing to strongly urge you to accept the complete and unaltered content of the CEC's staff report on the extent of bird and bat kills in the Altamont Pass Wind Resources Area (Assessment of Avian Mortality from Collisions and Electrodutions, June 2005). As a volunteer field biologist for the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory, I follow much of the published literature concerning bird kills caused by building, tower, and wind-farm collisions, and I fervently believe that the data and the methods of collecting it presented in the CEC staff report are sound.

Personally, I am a strong proponent of the development of wind energy, but the toll it presently takes on avian wildlife is unacceptable and solutions must be found to mitigate these mortality rates. Accurate data on avian mortality caused by windmill collisions is needed by both the public and by the energy industry in order to address this serious problem. Needless to say, it would be counterproductive for the wind-energy industry and to the public interest to suppress or subvert the CEC staff's findings.

Again, I implore you to accept the CEC staff report in its unabridged form.

Best regards,
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